



# Home Access Chronicle

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## Alternative Service Animals

*Long Island, NY*

When you think of a service animal what is the first thing that comes to mind? For many of us it a dog. What if you don't like dogs but have a need for a service animal? Today, cats, miniature horses, and even potbellied pigs can be trained to do prescribed jobs for individuals. [Read More >](#)



## Wheelchair Accessible Tractor

*Bellevue, NE*

Nothing was going to get in the way of Tracy Browning driving a tractor, not even his wheelchair. With a little help and some good old-fashioned ingenuity Browning and his father, a self-taught engineer, created a small metal box that attaches to the tractor's three-point hitch. The box is just large enough for the wheelchair and allows Browning full access to the hand controls. [Read More >](#)



## Machine Helps Disabled and Elderly Get Aerobic Exercise

*Miami, FL*

Cardio workouts are not something you often see elderly and disabled individuals participating in. Thanks to a new machine developed by the Miami Project to Cure Paralysis and Homestead, the product's manufacturer, individuals can now exercise from the comfort of their wheelchair [Read More >](#)



## Featured Products:

### THE BELLY BAG®

The Belly Bag® is a unique alternative to conventional leg or bed-bags. The Belly Bag® is urine storage bag that's worn at the waist. It fastens around the hips by means of a woven belt with a quick-release buckle. The Belly Bag® can be used with either a suprapubic or Foley catheter and has a 1,000cc capacity. Users can easily sleep with the bag in place making it convenient to wear 24-hours a day. For more information on The Belly Bag® [Click Here >](#)



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### RUBBER DOORKNOB EXTENSION

The Rubber Doorknob Extension provides extra leverage for people who have limited use of their hands. This simple device converts a round doorknob into a door-lever. The soft rubber molding simply snaps over your existing doorknob. The extension provides extra leverage making it easier to turn the knob. The product fits knobs 2"-2½" in diameter and the handle is 2½" long. Latex free. To order this product on-line [Click Here >](#)






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### Margaret Tripicchio

I am committed to offering professional service with an emphasis on the needs and wants of my clients. Whether you are selling or looking for your dream home, I will give you the personal attention you deserve.

Over the years I have gained considerable knowledge in the areas of home construction and modification. My experience has taught me to listen carefully to the desires of my clients and to actively pursue those details by going above and beyond what is requested.

Mobility issues and disabilities should not be looked at as a barrier when purchasing a home. My network of contacts and understanding of different ability levels, makes me an excellent resource when you are in the housing market.

If you are looking for assistance in the Chicagoland area please contact me so I can help you find something that suits your individual needs and taste.

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## Home Access Program News

### Feature Article in Exceptional Parent Magazine

Home improvement was the main focus for the July issue of Exceptional Parent (EP) Magazine. Several of our members and the creator of the Program, Thom Disch, had the opportunity to contribute to the two-page feature article.

Read the full text here >  
Visit EP's website >



### Website Updates

**The Home Access Program is currently in the process of updating our website. Some of the new features include:**

#### *Realtors and Consultants*

Submit your bio and we will include it on the Home Access Program website underneath your contact information. Send your biography and photograph to [mktg@handiramp.com](mailto:mktg@handiramp.com)

Submit your accessible home listings and we will include them on the site. We are currently updating the submit your listing section so a form pops up. Photos can also be sent to be included with your listing. Send listings to [mktg@handiramp.com](mailto:mktg@handiramp.com) or submit them on the site.

#### *Members Only Features*

The Home Access Program wants to provide special value-added features for members of the Program. Submit your ideas to [mktg@handiramp.com](mailto:mktg@handiramp.com). Look for new updates coming soon!

### **The Home Access Program is growing, but we need your help!**

Tell your friends and business associates about the Program and send us an e-mail and we'll contact them on your behalf. Our goal is by the end of 2007, to have 1 realtor and 1 consultant in each major metropolitan area.

Have you done something great that relates to home accessibility? Do you know someone who has used the Home Access Program? Send us your stories [mktg@handiramp.com](mailto:mktg@handiramp.com)



## Fun Facts

~ Mosquito repellents don't repel. They hide you. The spray blocks the mosquito's sensors so they don't know you're there.

~ There are no poisonous snakes in Maine.

~ 203 million dollars is spent on barbed wire each year in the U.S.

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